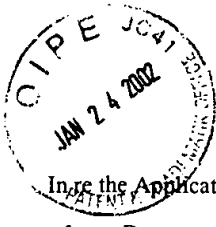


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Application No.: 09/990,801

Filed: November 21, 2001

For: **Interface Device to Couple A Musical Instrument To A  
Computing Device To Allow A User To Play A Musical  
Instrument In Conjunction With A Multimedia**

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- and
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Respectfully submitted,

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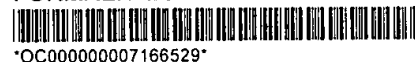
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- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

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- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
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Claims	3	**	X		
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104	280	204	140	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
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119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
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